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SUBJECT: CCD - 712TH PLENARY MEETING, JULY 15, 1976

1. SUMMARY: SWEDEN, MONGOLIA, AND ROMANIA SPOKE IN
CCD PLENARY. SWEDEN ANALYZED CHEMICAL WEAPONS ISSUES,
MONGOLIA GAVE OVERVIEW OF ITS DISARMAMENT POLICY,
GENERALLY ECHOING USSR VIEWS, AND ROMANIA CALLED FOR
SYSTEMATIC DISARMAMENT MEASURES, EMPHASIZING NUCLEAR

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ARMS. END SUMMARY

2. SWEDISH REP (HAMILTON) DISCUSSED OVERALL STATE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS ISSUES. FOCUSING ON RECENT CW INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS. HAMILTON SAID US APRIL 13 STATEMENT, SOVIET PLEDGE TO PRESENT CW VIEWS DURING CCD SUMMER SESSION, AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORTHCOMING UK DRAFT CW CONVENTION ALL REPRESENT SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS. HE WELCOMED US SUGGESTION FOR TECHNICAL EXCHANGE VISITS, DECLARING IT IMPORTANT THAT "COUNTRIES, MEMBERS OF THE CCD, IN POSSESSION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS" TAKE PART IN SUCH AN EXCHANGE VISIT PROGRAM. ON VERIFICATION OF AN EVENTUAL CW AGREEMENT, HAMILTON STATED THAT CCD IS STILL FAR FROM REACHING A SOLUTION, BUT THAT "SEVERAL OF THE CONCEPTS, METHODS, AND INSTRUMENT-BASED OBSERVATIONS" IN THE US-SOVIET PNE TREATY AND PROTOCOL MAY HAVE AN IMPORTANT INFLUENCE.

3. NOTING THAT SINCE 1972 THERE HAVE BEEN 50 WORKING PAPERS AND 230 PLENARY STATEMENTS ON CW IN CCD, HAMILTON CALLED FOR A "COMPILATION AND SORTING OUT OF FACTS AND VIEWS," DIRECTING THIS SUGGESTION TO THE CO-CHAIRMEN AND MENTIONING THE RECENT US WORKING PAPER ON SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THIS EFFORT.

4. MONGOLIAN REP (DUGERSUREN) GAVE GENERAL OVERVIEW, GENERALLY REITERATING SOVIET VIEWS, IN WHICH HE PRAISED PNE TREATY, EXCORIATED PRC POLICIES AND WESTERN NUCLEAR DEALINGS WITH SOUT AFRICA AND ISRAEL, AND CALLED FOR FLEXIBILITY ON ONGOING ENMOD NEGOTIATIONS. DUGERSUREN REITERATED SUGGESTION THAT UNGA ISSUE A SPECIAL DECLARATION ON STRENGTHENING NPT REGIME, CALLING ON ALL NON-PARTIES TO ACCEDE IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME. AFTER PRAISING SOVIET CTB INITIATIVE AND CALLING ON ALL NWS TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVE NEGOTIATIONS, DUGERSUREN EXPRESSED HOPE THAT DEFINITIONAL AND OTHER ISSUES RELATED TO SOVIET MDW PROPOSAL WOULD BE ADVANCED BY FORTHCOMING INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS, INCLUDING PARTICIPATION BY "THOSE WHO UNTIL RECENTLY HAVE SHOWN OSCILLATION OR EVEN RELUCTANCE." ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS, MONGOLIAN REP DECLARED THERE SEEMS TO BE A NEAR CONSENSUS ON VALUE OF GENERAL PURPOSE CRITERION, AND EXPRESSED VIEW THAT TOXICITY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND OTHER TECHNICAL CRITERIA COULD USEFULLY SUPPLEMENT IT.

5. ROMANIAN REP (ENE) EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH CCD'S DECISION TO ESTABLISH ENMOD WORKING GROUP AND WITH "SOME PROGRESS" ON CW QUESTIONS. AT SAME TIME, HOWEVER, HE EMPHASIZED NEED TO GIVE PRIORITY TO NUCLEAR ISSUES. ENE SAW UPCOMING CCD MEETINGS ON MID-TERM REVIEW OF DISARMAMENT DECADE AS OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMITTEE TO ELABORATE

DETAILED PROGRAM TO GUIDE THE CCD'S FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS ON
HALTING THE ARMS RACE AND ACHIEVING GENERAL AND COMPLETE
DISARMAMENT.

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